Public Law 99-353
99th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate July 4, 1986, as "National Immigrants Day".

July 2, 1986
[S.J. Res. 290]

Whereas on July 4, 1986, the restored Statue of Liberty will be unveiled at the centennial celebration of the erection and dedication of the Statue;

Whereas the Statue of Liberty has been the symbol of freedom, hope, and opportunity for millions of immigrants over the past 100 years;

Whereas the Statue of Liberty serves as a reminder to all that the United States is a Nation of immigrants, a Nation of nations;

Whereas the Statue of Liberty is a lasting memorial to the immigrants who have made America great;

Whereas millions of immigrants settled throughout the vast territory of the United States, and supported the ideals of independence and liberty;

Whereas the torch held by the Statue of Liberty serves as a beacon of freedom that lives in the soul of every American; and

Whereas it is only fitting that when the torch is relit also be a time to honor the immigrants welcomed by the burning torch of the Lady of Liberty to a land of freedom where any dream was and is achievable: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That July 4, 1986, the centennial celebration of the Statue of Liberty, is designated as "National Immigrants Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation encouraging the people of the United States to join the President and the Congress in observance of National Immigrants Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved July 2, 1986.

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